

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Great and wonderful God, Your knowledge is too wonderful for us. Yet, You have put at our disposal minds that You Yourself designed and the wisdom of the centuries.

May we be responsible stewards of these grace gifts.

Your Spirit abides with us wherever we go. We cannot flee from You. Whether we explore the skies or reside in our innermost thoughts, You are there.

May we find ourselves this day to be of Your enduring presence.

If we travel to far-flung places or find ourselves far from our own homes, wherever we are, distance means nothing to You. Your hand offers guidance, Your word direction.

May we take heed of how You are steering our lives.

And when we are lost in the darkness of decision, when night falls on our hope for agreement and mutual accord, cause our night to shine like the day.

Relieve our darkness with the light of Your truth.

In Your gracious and merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 450. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley.

S. 3451. An act to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, last week a fire in Philadelphia killed 12 people, including 8 children. While our city mourned, just days later, a fire in New York killed 17, including 8 children.

These two events have at least three things in common: a high loss of life, an extraordinary number of children killed, all in public housing overcrowded with families who cannot afford to move.

Too many families are in this position because of our Nation's housing crisis. We say we need affordable housing, so let me speak plainly. We need more housing, affordable public and private housing, that families with low income can actually afford.

In the Philadelphia area, there are tens of thousands of people on waiting lists that are nearly a decade closed or years long.

We in Congress have a role to play. In the Build Back Better Act is \$150 billion to repair and restore existing housing and to build more public and affordable private housing. That will be a powerful start.

As the Senate stalls, more families are in danger. It is time this House, and their house, helps others find theirs.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TROOPER JOHN HORTON

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Trooper John Horton of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. On January 3, he passed away in a tragic accident in the line of duty. He was a 15-year veteran of the unit and was assigned to Rutherford County.

His two younger siblings, James and Joe, served alongside him at one point in the Highway Patrol. They were the first and only trio of siblings to ever work simultaneously in the Highway Patrol in North Carolina's history.

My prayers go out to Trooper Horton's family, his wife, and six children. May his memory and service to his community serve as an inspiration for future generations of law enforcement officers to come.

KEEPING HOMES SAFE AND WARM

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, temperatures this week in Buffalo and western New York are in single digits.

My community has some of the oldest housing stock in the country. Keeping these homes safe and warm is expensive. Failing to do so can be life threatening.

This year, Congress approved \$876 million in additional Home Energy Assistance Program funding for seniors and families in New York to afford energy. The infrastructure bill goes further, providing a historic \$3.5 billion nationwide for weatherization. This funding means that old houses will better withstand extreme weather as well as supporting green energy jobs.

But we can't stop there. We must do more. This Congress must enact the renewable energy provisions in Build Back Better so entire neighborhoods in my community can be retrofitted for long-term resilience. I urge the Senate to enact these provisions now.

HONORING AGNES TURK'S 108TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Agnes Turk, a constituent from the great Eighth District of Minnesota, who is celebrating her 108th birthday this week.

Born in Pennsylvania, Agnes soon after moved to the Twin Ports area and has lived there ever since.

As a young woman, Agnes valued her education so much that she walked 2 miles to school every day, rain or snow. She later went to business school, showing the spirit of hard work instilled in her.

Since the 1930s, Agnes has lived a beautiful life in Duluth, Minnesota, where she and her husband, John, raised three boys.

While John worked for U.S. Steel and the family operated a theater and an oil service station together, they happily lived out their American Dream.

Additionally, Agnes is a dedicated mother; a patriotic citizen, who has never missed voting in an election; and a faithful churchgoer.

She has touched the lives of so many people in the Northland, and her impact on Duluth will always be remembered.

I am proud to wish my good friend Agnes a happy 108th birthday and another year of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ODELL BARRY

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and adviser, a gentleman named Odell Barry of Northglenn, Colorado, who passed away on January 3, 2022.

Born on October 10, 1941, in Memphis, Tennessee, Berry spent most of his childhood in Toledo, Ohio. In 1964, the Denver Broncos took him out of the University of Findlay in the 19th round of the American Football League draft. Barry, a very talented and standout sprinter, opted for pro football over a chance to join the U.S. Olympic team, and he played a couple of seasons with the Broncos.

Once his football career concluded, Barry began his career in public and community service, first as the City of Northglenn recreation director and then as the owner of Colorado's first full-service Dairy Queen in the early 1970s. From 1972 to '79, Barry served on the Northglenn City Council and then he became mayor. Along the way, he took pride in organizing the Multiple Sclerosis Dinner of Champions for many years and running Northglenn's football camp. Other highlights include his membership in the Colorado Baseball Commission in the early 1990s, which helped pave the way for the Rockies.

Barry was a devoted husband to Glenda, a loving father of two, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. I am deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our community and the great State of Colorado, and I personally will miss him.

RECOGNIZING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, January 13 is Korean American Day, a day to recognize the countless contributions of Korean Americans and celebrate the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.

As one of the first Korean-American women to ever serve in Congress, this day is very special to me. I was just 19 years old when I came to America, and I achieved what I never thought was possible, to serve this country as a Member of Congress.

So many Korean-Americans like me came to this country with the hope of achieving their own American Dream. We must work together to inspire and support the next generation of Korean-American leaders.

Today, we celebrate the vibrant community of Korean-Americans in the United States and all that they have worked to achieve.

Happy Korean American Day.

NEED FOR EXPANDED COVID-19 TESTING

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the surge in the coronavirus cases that Americans are struggling

with. Part of that is the access to COVID tests. Many are waiting in long lines to get PCR tests and 2 to 3 days to receive their results. We should and can do better.

Households cannot find rapid tests in stores and wait weeks in line for online orders.

In Fresno County, which I represent, the demand for testing has increased 30 percent in the last several weeks.

We must expand testing. I call on the administration to prioritize our testing systems. Access to testing and timely results are critical to determine if someone is infected with COVID-19 and enables them to take steps to avoid spreading it to others. It is that simple.

It is vital that every American has access to the rapid test at no cost. It is critical for our economic recovery.

At this stage, no one should have to wait long hours or pay a single dime for same-day results. We can and we should do better.

We are not out of the woods yet. We can end this pandemic through robust testing and getting vaccinated. That is what we must do.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY HAYNES

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of former Peoria City Clerk Mary Haynes, who passed away at the end of 2021. Mary Haynes represented the best of Peoria.

In 1985, Mary was elected as the first woman Peoria city clerk. For over 25 years, she made local government work better. Being the city clerk was a passion of Mary's, and she was beloved by her colleagues. She ensured transparency in city government and worked to educate other city clerks throughout Illinois.

One of her most satisfying roles during her time as clerk was heading up the Rediscovering City Hall project, which restored Peoria City Hall to its monument form.

Above all, Mary was a devoted mother and grandmother and one of the kindest people you could meet. She was a friend to everyone who knew her, and her presence will be missed dearly in Peoria.

My prayers are with Mary's children, grandchildren, and loved ones. May she rest in peace.

SURGING INFLATION DEVASTATES FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Friday, I com-

pleted an annual districtwide legislative agenda media tour. The issue of greatest concern was inflation affecting everyday people and gas up 61 percent.

Bidenflation has surged to a 40-year high. It is clear that \$4.5 trillion spending bills devastate pocketbooks. Even a recent analysis from the Federal Reserve of San Francisco agrees that the relief package has impacted inflation.

Sadly, only 17 percent of workers have received raises that have kept up with inflation, according to the Democrat New York Times.

The Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and think Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to believe that trillion-dollar spending bills cost zero dollars.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism, as it continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

Congratulations to Congressman MIKE WALTZ and Dr. Julia Nesheiwat on the birth on January 7 of Arman "Armie" Waltz.

HONORING DUBUQUE POLICE CHIEF MARK DALSING UPON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mrs. HINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize retired Dubuque Police Chief Mark Dalsing. He retired after 32 years of service to the city of Dubuque, Iowa.

Chief Dalsing is an absolute pillar in the community of Dubuque because of his devotion to protecting his community. He built a phenomenal legacy of successfully incorporating community engagement into law enforcement.

While serving as Dubuque's police chief, he instilled a passion for public service into his team of officers, bringing community engagement to the forefront of their work.

Chief Dalsing's years of service are a testament to the love that he has for his fellow Iowans and the compassion he led with.

I wish Chief Mark Dalsing and his family all the best in this exciting new chapter of life and thank him for his selfless service and dedication to the city of Dubuque for the past three decades.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF SYDNEY "DUKE" SCHIRARD

(Mrs. BOEBERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and remember the life of Sheriff Sydney "Duke" Schirard, the longest serving sheriff of La Plata County, Colorado.

His lifetime of public service included time as a soldier in the Army,